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Zoom Court Watching

Raymond Lee Bailey arraigned on four counts of first-degree murder

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Raymond Lee Bailey, 37, of Sumpter Township was arraigned at 34th District Court on Aug. 19 on four counts of first-degree, premeditated murder and four counts of felony firearm.



Bailey

The arraignment was done via Zoom and Bailey was laying in a hospital bed wearing a neck brace.

34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley set Bailey's probable cause conference for 11 a.m., Sept. 2, before Judge Tina Brooks Green.

Attorney Samer Jadallah, who represented Bailey only for his arraignment, told Judge Oakley that Bailey stood on the divider in the Huron Township Police Department lock-up where he was detained after being brought back from Bay County.

Jadallah said Bailey told him he jumped down from the divider several times doing flips trying to injure himself. In the Zoom picture his neck is braced and Bailey told Judge Oakley he has a broken neck.

Bailey told Judge Oakley he is not able to get around real well and, "I can barely walk right now." He told the judge he would like time to get a few things in order and continue his medical care.

Jadallah said Bailey has owned his own plumbing business for a long time and has no probations or holds. He does not have a criminal record, he said.

Judge Oakley said because of Bailey's attempt to hurt himself, bail is denied. Bailey asked to speak to a court-appointed attorney.

Conviction on each murder charge carries a sentence of life in prison.

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Independent photo by Bob Mytych

The Lunch Box restaurant building at Belleville's front door was demolished on Aug. 20 to make way for new construction on the site by developer Scott Jones. Wayne Cherry of Davenport Brothers Construction said they will now install a water main and sewers to that new half of the project. The first part of the commercial development will be built along Main Street and one lane of Main Street will be closed off during construction, Cherry said. The second part will be constructed along North Liberty Street and trucks will enter and leave the site from North Liberty. The third part of the project will be construction in 2021 of a two-story building where the former Lakeview Tavern used to stand.

County sets recount of supervisor race in Sumpter

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Friday, the Wayne County Clerk's office accepted a check for \$2,250 from Nelson Po for a recount of nine precincts in the Aug. 4 supervisor's race.

The recount, at a cost of \$250 per precinct, will cover precincts 1, 3, and 5 (all at the Sumpter Community Center) and all six absentee ballot counting boards.

Po said the county official called Sumpter

Township while he was there on Aug. 21 to alert the township a recount would be held in Sumpter within 10 to 14 days and it would be open to the public to watch.

Po was defeated by incumbent Supervisor John Morgan in the August primary with an announced count of 676 votes for Morgan to 327 for Po. Morgan's total included 470 absentee votes and Po's total included 159 absentee votes.

Po's notarized petition for a recount reads that he is petitioning for a recount. "I have a good-faith belief, but for fraud or mistake committed by the precinct election inspectors in their canvass of returns of the votes cast at the above referenced election, I had a reasonable chance of winning the

election. An additional explanation of the fraud or error is provided."

Ken Sheeks, a poll worker at precinct 5 for the Aug. 4 election, told the *Independent* the process for the election cannot be tampered with since there are so many safeguards. He said he had been trained and worked at Westland for 15 years as an election inspector and this is his first year working on a Sumpter election. He has lived in Sumpter for 22 years.

He said the training for what Sumpter calls "poll workers" was not as stringent as that in Westland and when he asked about it he said he was told it was because of COVID-19 and that Sumpter doesn't have

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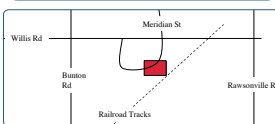
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville DDA to pay \$7,000 for ten lockers for police department

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously at its regular meeting Aug. 19 to buy ten professional police lockers for the city police department for \$7,000.

Belleville's new Police Chief David Robinson, who was hired just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, thanked the DDA and said he should have the lockers in three or four weeks, since he will take it to the city council for approval.

In an Aug. 10 memo to the DDA Chief Robinson said, "My transition as your new chief of police has been a wonderful experience, even though the COVID-19 pandemic has presented all of us with challenges. It has been Belleville's residents, business owners, elected officials and my police officers that have made me feel very welcome.

"Since becoming the chief of police, I have been working on finding innovative ways to making necessary updates in police equipment to include bulletproof vests, police vehicle and police body camera system, police prep radios, and police-issued taser. These items are very important from an officer safety and risk-management perspective. I have already submitted, and I am currently researching and seeking grants to assist in funding these projects. It is my intention to utilize my allocated budget in combination with grants to achieve these important advances," he wrote.

"I am reaching out to you and seeking your assistance in procuring police equipment lockers for our officers. Currently, officers do not have lockers to store their uniforms or issued police equipment.

"It is also my intention on converting a space to create a separate locker room for female officers, being that female officers make up 30% of our police force.

"Upon seeking the position of police chief, an important question that was asked of me was how I planned to attract and retain quality police officers. My response was, 'to let the officers know we care about them and that as a team working together we would serve this community with a service-based community policing model.' Building a solid team and creating a police-family atmosphere where everyone feels valued is how you retain the quality officers we have.

"Procuring the police lockers is an important step in letting the officers know we care and they are valued. This goes along with the many cosmetic enhancements that the officers, reserves,

and I have all taken on to make our existing space in the police department welcoming and professional. The lockers also provide additional security and safety for our police equipment," he wrote.

Chief Robinson said he researched several companies and the best price for ten police equipment lockers was \$7,000.

"Procuring these police equipment lockers for our officers' use, along with our other changes to the physical environment of the police station, will not only improve officer privacy and equipment security and accountability, it will really help with morale and pride in their work environment."

During discussion at the meeting, Chief Robinson said in use now were old school lockers and they can't hang uniforms in there. And, they need storage space for their vests and holsters.

"I want this to be a police department of best practices," Chief Robinson said, adding each officer should have his or her own individual private police locker. "Now uniforms are tossed on desks or hung on one small rod," he said. "They should be able to lock up their equipment which will make them feel they're a professional."

He said he had the same locker for 30 years at the Dearborn department. He said if the department ever moves, the lockers are moveable.

DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern asked if the DDA had the ability to do this and coordinator Carol Thompson said she researched it and they can.

Chairperson McGovern asked if there is more work with the DORA district and Chief Robinson said, yes, he is sending the reserves out on weekends.

DDA member Jennifer Winter, who also operates Egan's Pub, said the community policing has been fabulous and friendly to everyone.

In other business at the 61-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Heard a report from Phil Westmoreland of Spicer Group on the upgrades planned for Fourth Street which he said they are trying to coordinate with the library. He said they were working with contractors who are working on the library parking lot to give the DDA prices on their project. Also, they need to get electrical power for their trees and hope they can get it from library power. Westmoreland said the underground and HMA work will cost \$136,404 and the special tree grates \$48,744, for a total of \$185,148 so far, which is higher than the projected \$140,000. The total for the whole project has been estimated at \$350,000-\$425,000. He said they hope to



A dog ran away from home in the City of Belleville last Thursday and stayed with police at their station for a couple of hours until they found the owner. "You can tell he didn't care much for the lecture I was giving him about running away from home," said Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson.

get it all built this year. Thompson was given approval to order the custom-made tree grates now since they have a long lead time. She said if they come too soon they can be stored at the DPW garage;

- Voted to ask Randy Brown to remove the center tree at the Fourth Street Square to allow visual clearance for a temporary stage that would park in the motorcycle parking area in the rear. Councilman Ken Voigt suggested putting in a pot in the tree's place with mums until December and then put in a small Christmas tree. "I can take the tree down free and put a pot there," said Winter. "I have lots of pots." Thompson said this would not work with the DPW union workers. Treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams was concerned about the electrical box by the tree and ways to keep people from tripping over it once the tree is gone. She suggested a piece of art might be put there in the future and Mayor Kerreen Conley agreed that maybe they should put a slab there and put in a short artwork that wouldn't block the view of the stage. Thompson suggested partnering with

the Belleville Area Council for the Arts to come up with an appropriate piece of art. Thompson contacted seven contractors to remove the tree and only Randy Brown and Davenport Brothers Construction gave quotes for moving the tree. Now that it is just being taken out, and low-bidder Brown was chosen, the DDA is unsure of the actual cost;

- Heard DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern and DDA member Kelly McWilliams volunteer to serve on the city's new Strategic Planning Committee; and

- Heard Thompson give a report that the BORA DORA [Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area] is being enjoyed and the tables/benches ordered will not arrive until October, possibly sooner. The hand sanitizer stations are not installed yet, but signs are posted and more signs will be posted. The canoe/kayak launch has been installed and the police are checking on it when they check the cemetery each morning, which should help avoid vandalism.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter blames detractors, paper for election fiasco

Most of Tuesday's regular one-hour-and-30-minute meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees was spent defending itself from criticisms of the way the Aug. 4 primary election was conducted.

Trustee Tim Rush, who was pictured with an election tape in his hands in last week's *Independent*, had part of the surveillance tape of the incident run in the meeting room on the large screen. And, then he had the body cam tape of Sumpter Police Officer Herrick run as he investigated the complaint of Toni Clark.

"Residents need to hear the truth," Rush said and then gave his version of what happened. Rush said this has traditionally been done at all elections for as long as he can remember. He said taking pictures of the election tape was being done at all the precincts.

He said contrary to what a letter in the paper or the paper reported, he never moved the tabulating machine into the hallway, never touched the machine, and never took the tape away. He said the report was designed to damage his reputation. Election worker Mary Sherwood said the election workers were expecting Rush and were told at their training session that he would be coming.

A recount of this precinct and others has been scheduled by the county and the truth will be determined by outsiders. We hope Sumpter election officials did the right thing and are vindicated.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Gary Sampson, father of Neil and Forrest Sampson who were killed on Aug. 15, is an old friend of mine. He is suffering greatly, along with his wife Renee. They were very close to Laura and Sarah, who also were killed. The pain is overwhelming and it helps when people talk to them about these four.

Gary said last Saturday there was a small service for the four at Apple Charlie's in New Boston. He said all the people who came and told him stories about his boys are helping him to keep going.

We received word on Monday of the death of Dan Fisher who had been a teacher and coach at BHS. I am sorry to see him go. Dan became a regular visitor to our office over the past few years because former Belleville attorney Tom White had defrauded him of a lot of money and he wanted to keep up on whatever I knew about Tom's legal status.

Dan especially was interested in Tom because Tom had been one of his students at BHS and Dan just couldn't believe he would treat his former teacher like this.

Tom White served time in prison and now is done with probation, free to live his life. He's supposed to be paying back those he defrauded, but we haven't heard of that happening from the victims who regularly contact us.

I'm sorry to hear of Dan's passing. RIP

Enrica of Enrica's Golden Needle is having a terrible time with the City of Belleville. She received a water bill for the month her shop was closed for over \$400, which is higher than it's ever been while she was operating her shop on Main Street. Enrica is so precise with her water bill that if she gets



it in the morning's mail, she writes a check and hand-carries it to city hall that same day to pay the bill.

But, there was something wrong here. And the next month's bill was high too and now she supposedly owes almost \$1,000 for water when the shop is closed.

"I just want this problem solved and to pay my water bill," Enrica said Monday afternoon.

I had called the city manager on Friday to discuss Enrica's problem, but she did not return my call. I also called DPW Director Rick Rutherford on Friday and he did return my call. He said he'd go back out to see her again on Friday or Monday. I called Enrica and told her to expect him. Rick said he has been out there several times and he thinks she has a leak in her toilet and that leaky toilets can cause big water bills. Enrica said the test they did showed her toilet was not leaking.

Anyway, on Monday afternoon, Enrica called and said Rick hasn't been back and she's going to give them one more day and then go to an attorney. She would like to set up an appointment with someone at city hall, but she can't get anyone to return her calls. When she goes there in person, she is told someone will call here and they don't.

Enrica is very upset. She'd like to have a meeting with the mayor but can't set up an appointment. She doesn't use computers so the website doesn't help.

She said a friend told her he was having the same sort of problem, and he asked the

city to take out his "smart" water meter and put in the old "dumb" water meter, which put everything back to normal.

Rick said he could do that for Enrica, but he has doubts that would help.

Damon Payne of Belleville High School is #19 on the *Sports Illustrated* pre-season All-High-School All-American Team. He is designated IDL (inside defensive lineman) and has signed with Alabama, according to *Sports Illustrated*.

At BHS, however, and throughout the state the football season has been postponed until spring. If all goes well with COVID-19, that's when the games will be played.

On Monday, Sumpter Township Treasurer Ken Bednark filed a complaint with the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration concerning the practices at Sumpter Township.

Among the violations stated were the regular township meetings and the planning commission meeting that contained more than ten people as prohibited for indoor events by the governor's executive order. Virtual meetings were allowed by the state, but the township has not held even one virtual township meeting the public could join.



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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Gary Sampson put up a hand-made memorial in front of his home on Haggerty Road, just south of Riggs Road, to mark the deaths of his two sons and two nieces. His son's Belleville High School athletic shirts are hanging on the sign.

Letters

Remember these children of mine; may all four rest in peace

To the editor:

The Sampson/Tanner families were and are a tightly knit group. We've spent weekends, holidays, and vacations together and were all great friends.

Sarah and Laura Tanner were like older sisters to Neil and Forrest, my sons. My wife Rene and I treated and loved the girls as our own children. Sarah and Laura grew up and went to school in Romulus, where they are well-known and loved!

Neil and Forrest Sampson grew up in Van Buren Township from birth. They attended Van Buren Public Schools and Belleville High School. They are known and loved by most as the Sampson Brothers and were usually seen together.

This is a horrific tragedy for our tri-community area in more than one way.

The suspect was treated like family because of his long-term relationship with Laura. We socialized with him and I considered him a personal friend. I take this evil event very personally and the sorrow consumes me. It will never be over!

My wife and I would like to express our deepest appreciation for the love and support, compassion and comfort, and the donations that friends, family and community and have given to us.

We are in a great deal of pain and need friends, family, and community to help to ease it. Your support means everything to us.

I would like to see or at least hear of the house on Martinsville Road being demolished as soon as possible. It would help me, mentally, to bring some closure.

Every time I think I may be happy or smile, guilt is there to punch me in my stomach and slap me in the face and says, "No, No, No. You know you've been damned to a life of

grief."

Being a gardener, I thought of Neil and Forrest as my two sunflowers. I fed, watered, and nurtured them. I would prop them up and straighten them out when they grew crooked and they grew tall, strong, and beautiful.

The Sampson Brothers!

Beau Anthony Sampson is Neil's only son and my only grandson. He is five years old and has an uphill battle from now on. I will prop him up as best as I can to make him tall, strong, and beautiful.

Remember these children of mine and may all four rest in peace.

Gary M. Sampson
Van Buren Township

Pandemica Driveway Band returns to VBT

To the editor:

Get out your lawn chairs and sunscreen because the Pandemica Driveway Band is coming back to Van Buren Township for a free, one-hour outdoor show at Quirk Park on Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 7) at 2 p.m., weather permitting. We'll be performing selections from our "Back to School Dance Party!" and "Get Your Disney On" shows just outside the beautiful new splash pad area.

The Pandemica Driveway Band is a small horn band led by Bill and Gloria Wilson. The band was created in late April to make music possible for us during the pandemic.

Made up of musicians from Ann Arbor and Canton, the band plays free weekly driveway shows in Ann Arbor and Canton for walk-up and walk-by audiences.

Please observe social distancing norms at the show: Sit at least six feet away from anyone not in your family group and mask up if you walk around.

Busy on Labor Day? The band will also return to Van Buren Township's Harris Park (just south of the Aldi on Belleville Road) for a free one-hour show Thursday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.
Bill Wilson

Obituaries



Conna Sue "Nina" Trout

CONNA SUE 'NINA' TROUT

(June 6, 1946 – August 21, 2020)
Conna Sue "Nina" Trout, age 74, long-time Ypsilanti resident, passed away early Friday, August 21, 2020 at home. She was born June 6, 1946 in Stone, Kentucky, daughter of Alvis & Cleo (Allen) Trout. She retired from General Motors Willow Run Hydromatic Plant after more than 20 years of loyal service. She enjoyed shopping, yard sales and loved spending time with her family. She was a former member of Belleville Free Will Baptist Church.

Nina is survived by two daughters: Conna (Mick) Jarvie of Ypsilanti, MI and Susan (Scott) Grimmer of Parma, MI; 7 grandchildren: Sarah Jarvie, Kevin Jarvie, Jason (Crystal) Grimmer, Joshua Grimmer, Tabitha (Chad) Benninger, Aaron Grimmer and Rebecca Grimmer; 10 great-grandchildren and one on-the-way in November 2020; one sister Rita Varney of Ypsilanti, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Brian Stafford in June 2019, also several siblings.

Visitation was 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday, August 25, 2020 with a 1 p.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there was a limit of ten (10) people in the building at one time. Face coverings are required inside the building. Rev. Walker Harris officiates. Interment was in Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor, MI.

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Obituaries





Dale Edward Harrison

DALE EDWARD HARRISON
(June 16, 1941 – August 20, 2020)
Dale Edward Harrison, age 79, long-time Belleville-area resident, passed away Thursday, August 20, 2020 at his home. He was born June 16, 1941 and adopted by Ramsey & Gail (Hilkey) Weedon. He graduated from Belleville High School class of 1960. In his preteen years, Dale was a student at the Columbus Boys Choir School in Princeton, New Jersey, where he learned music and voice. He was an exceptional tenor. The Choir performed regularly on radio and television. Dale's most famous role was in the Christmas play called "Amal and the Night Visitors" for the CBS Ed Sullivan show. Dale loved to sing, especially in church, worshipping his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Dale proudly served his country as a medic in the U.S. Air Force from 1962 to 1968. In October 1963, while assigned to Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, he worked on medically and physically preparing the 82nd and 101st airborne divisions for an invasion of Cuba. Later the invasion was cancelled by order of President Kennedy.

Mr. Harrison is survived by his wife of 20 years, Kathe Lee (Marsy) Harrison; four children: Deborah (Ron) Charron of Florida, Denise (Mike) Yuchuk of Grosse Ile, MI, Dale Harrison of Van Buren Township, MI and Devon (Buddy) Carter of Exeter Township, MI; four grandchildren: Chloe, Hailey, Faith and Michael; two brothers Thomas (Sylvia) Weedon of Belleville and Raymond Weedon of Knoxville, Tennessee; also numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was Sunday and Monday, August 24, 2020 with an 11 a.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there was a limit of ten (10) people in the building at one time. Face coverings were required inside the building. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family, to be used for metastatic bone cancer, and would be appreciated.
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JOHN THOMAS RUSS III
(July 5, 1944 – May, 9, 2020)
A celebration of his life will be Saturday, Aug. 29, at noon at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. The family will greet guests from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.
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page 6 & 19**



Walter Colley

WALTER COLLEY
(September 21, 1930 – August 17, 2020)
Walter Colley, age 89, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away late Monday, August 17, 2020 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born September 21, 1930 in Portsmouth, Ohio, son of Estill & Ruth (McKnight) Colley. He retired from Ford Motor Company, Wixom plant, after 36 years of loyal service, and was a member of the U.A.W. He loved the Detroit Tigers, fishing, puzzles, being outdoors, and especially spending time with family and friends.

Walter is survived by four children: Walter Michael Colley of Westland, MI, Ray Lamont (Cindy) Colley of North Carolina, Laura G. Colley and Eric B. Colley, both of Belleville, MI; two granddaughters: Katrina D. Colley and Sondra M. Colley, both of North Carolina; two great-granddaughters: Sophie Colley Boros and Savannah Kinsler, both of North Carolina; a sister Francis Collier of Ohio; two brothers Bill (Diane) Colley of Tennessee and David (Pam) Colley of Ohio; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Irma M. (Cooper) Colley on March 4, 2008, a son, Martin Dee Colley on April 2, 1962, also seven siblings: Millard, Willard, Pete, Ron and Donny Colley, Irma Thompson and Joyce Dummitt.

Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Thursday, August 20, 2020 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there was a limit of ten (10) people in the building at one time. Masks, scarves or bandannas were required inside the building. Visitation was 3-5 p.m. Saturday, August 22, 2020 at Erwin-Dodson-Allen Funeral Home, Minford, Ohio (740)820-2331. Interment was in Bennett Cemetery, Minford, Ohio. Memorial contributions to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society would be greatly appreciated.
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COVID-19 positive cases in 48111 area rise to 582 from 570 a week ago

The COVID-19 death rate in the 48111 zip code had been 30 since June 22, but then on July 25 one more death was recorded. The coronavirus deaths in the tri-community of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter have remained at 31 since then.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 were 582 on Tuesday, Aug. 25, up from 570 the previous Tuesday, Aug. 18.

On Tuesday, Aug. 25, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 346 positive cases, 16 deaths; City of Belleville, 168 positive cases, 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 68 positive cases, 1 death.

Letters

Tremendous difficulty in trusting Wayne County

To the editor:

Good afternoon, here's a letter to the State of Michigan. I wanted to share it with you. If you want to use it for any reason, you have my permission.

Sheena Barnes
Candidate for Trustee

My name is Sheena Barnes. I previously called the office of the Bureau of Elections on Aug. 18 and spoke with David Foster who recommended I provide this email and explanation.

I ran for trustee in the Aug. 4 primary and won. Afterwards, I received a copy of camera footage from after the closing of the election showing incumbent Trustee Tim Rush tampering with the election printouts after the election had closed.

A group of candidates subsequently filed several affidavits and complaints with the election bureau. Nelson Po, a candidate for supervisor, announced that he is attempting to file for a recount. After learning of these developments, I contacted Gil Flowers of the Wayne County Clerk's office on Aug. 18. I asked Mr. Flowers if Nelson Po, or anybody else, filed complaints or affidavits in regards to the Aug. 4 primary election. Gil Flowers assured me that nobody has filed any complaints or affidavits regarding the election.

Attached are five affidavits, video footage, and a correspondence between Nelson Po and Gil Flowers which references the complaints, prior to my conversation with him.

I am also requesting an investigation and recount, but I have tremendous difficulty trusting the county, especially based on my interactions with Gil Flowers. It is evident to me that every official I have raised this issue to thus far has closed the doors on each complaint.

The five affidavits are issued by: Sherry Olds, who ran for the clerk's position and lost; Jim Clark, who ran for treasurer and won; Toni Clark, who witnessed Tim Rush tampering, filed a police report and FOIA'd the video footage provided, also wife to Jim Clark; Nelson Po, who ran for supervisor and lost; and David Hartford, who aids Mr. Po and was witness to events. Thank you,

Sheena Barnes
Sumpter Township

Thanks to those who voted for me Aug. 4

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who voted for me in this past primary and all previous elections. WE ARE GROWING STRONGER! I would like to thank you all personally or by phone, so please call me that I may thank you personally, (734) 262-6570. Text or leave a voice message or call back if the mailbox is full.

There are also several petitions circulating which more or less of you would care to sign, and I will be setting up weekend signings at Victory Park, since that is a central location and seems to be one of the grounds of contention of the opposition. I'm certain LaSalle would be in agreement and it would be proper to sign the petitions in his statue's shadow. Look for more information here as I continue in this Great Struggle to return to Constitutional government.

I remain sincerely yours and loyal to the US Constitution

James Chapman

City Council meets to consider lease/purchase of property

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council met in person in closed-door session for one hour and 23 minutes on Monday to consider the "purchase or lease of real property."

They came back into regular session only to adjourn, said City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz who declined to identify the property involved.

Also, at the meeting were city attorney Jeff Clark and Police Chief Dave Robinson. Councilman Tom Fielder was absent.

The *Independent* joined the beginning of the meeting by Zoom.

Under the Open Meetings Act the council may convene into closed session "To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease to that real property is obtained."

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Please bring back flag and my mother's stand

To the editor:

I want my flag and the stand back. It was my mother's stand. Why did you have to

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School Board hears details of back-to-school safety procedures

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

As the Sept. 14 first day of school approaches, parents and teachers want to know details and on Monday, School Supt. Pete Kudlak explained some safety procedures and said many things are still being worked out.

District procedures have been upended by the COVID-19 pandemic this year.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools via Zoom, Supt. Kudlak announced teachers are returning the next day and there will be lots of training sessions.

Via Zoom, parent Angela Mears asked when the student schedules for in-person classes will be available for the middle school and high school and Supt. Kudlak said that should be by next week.

He said by Sept. 14, the district should be ready to go. The deadline for signing up for in-person or virtual classes has passed and 63% prefer remote education.

In-person classes are expected to be from 15-20 students in size. Twenty-eight teachers are doing remote classes, four at each grade level, Kudlak said.

He said after school starts, details will be adjusted and so procedures are subject to change.

Kudlak said as far as personal protection gear, masks were delivered earlier that day and shields are coming soon, including "Humanity Shields" which encase the face. There are Plexiglas desk shields in place – a lot of those – and lots of cleaning supplies. He said touch-free hand sanitizer dispensers have been ordered, along with new electrostatic sprayers, one for each building so buildings can be disinfected each night. And, there are plenty of wipes. He said there are buckets with wipes in them and they put the disinfectant on top and the wet wipes are pulled out the top.

He said the bubbling drinking fountains are covered up and bottle filling stations are set. Kudlak said they started putting up signs today for the arrival/dismissal stairways. The arrival/dismissal times are changing and will be fine-tuned, he said.

One more custodian is being hired and four teachers recalled from layoff.

Board president Amy Pearce, who was present by telephone because she was traveling by car, said she read a *New York Times* article about how districts are reporting virus cases to the community. Some won't tell anything and others are reporting numbers only.

Kudlak said they need to get their staff members trained on this. He said there is the HIPPA law about health privacy. He said the district will, for example, say McBride has one that tested positive and students that have been in contact with that person will be advised to watch for symptoms and self-quarantine for 14 days.

He said one of the school's athletes tested positive for COVID-19, so the practices were shut down until after Labor Day. Football now is scheduled for spring.

Kudlak said that the daily health questionnaires for students will now be handled through Google forms, because of the "genius" of Andy Lindsay who worked it out so the forms wouldn't need to be filled out on paper by parents.

In Monday's one-hour-and-40-minute meeting, the board also:

- Heard Kudlak announce the death of Dan Fisher that morning. Mr. Fisher was a teacher and coach for many years and the district mourns his loss, Kudlak said. Trustee Keith Johnston said, "Mr. Fisher was a great guy, teacher, and coach who made a big impact on our community";

- Approved the resignation of Zachery Murray, a teacher at Belleville High School for 3.5 years, as of Aug. 31 for a job opportunity; and the retirements of Spring Jackson from Rawsonville Elementary after 25 years as of July 1 and Jill Atchley of Tyler Elementary after 26 years as of Aug. 21;

- Approved the recalls to employment of district remote assignments for teachers Amanda Mitchell, Anna Albulov, and Ashley Niedert; and teaching positions at Belleville High School for Shanna Johnson and Lawrence Koch, all as of Aug. 25;

- Approved the retirements of bus driver Gloria Nealey after 14 years of service as of Aug. 26 and bus driver Cheryl Campbell after 23 years of service as of Aug. 17; and the resignation of transportation aide Damon Davis as of Aug. 17 after less than one year of service; and

- Heard Kudlak report the county-wide Enhancement Millage will be on the November ballot for renewal and it will pass or fail county wide. He said the millage brings \$1.6 million to the district, and may be somewhat less because now charter schools are included.



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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



It was sad to see the Lunch Box come down last week after nearly 10 years of operating here in town. Owner Rodney Herald and I have created a good friendship over the years, as I've got to show off some creativity with décor and design there. From cartooning walls to hanging license plates, he always gave the green light in nearly everything I came up with. From the onset, I always thought Lunch Box could be not just a simple restaurant but a destination where people would remember their dining experience. Thanks, Rodney. The new Lunch Box / Dearborn Heights location on Telegraph Road is coming along. I'm sure some of the décor there will include license plates, signs and, of course, lunch boxes. He's collected quite a few of both over the years, mostly donated from customers that when they came in to dine, they got to see their lunch box or plate on display. Nothing new to report with Herald's project here in town within the Scott Jones development

on Main. I'm patiently waiting to hear like everybody else. I was also told the old Lunch Box windows were saved and are going to be re-purposed into part of a greenhouse. Cool.

If you've ever wanted to know what it felt like to be a Rosie the Riveter, here's your chance as the Yankee Air Museum is holding two events, Sept. 5 (11 a.m.) and Nov. 14 (1 p.m.), instructed by the museum's Tribute Rosies where guests will learn how to rivet sheet metal using non-powered hand rivets. The cost is \$12 per person for the adult-only event, limited to only six adults taking part per designated time slot. Face masks will be required and participants must be 18 years and older. To sign up and get tickets, visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org. Call (734) 483-4030.

Belleville Blitz, a co-ed flag football program, will be holding its last registration day this Saturday, Aug. 29, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Belleville Church of God on Hull Road. The program, for children ages 4 to 12 years old, costs \$40 per participant. Games take place every Saturday morning on church grounds with practices one hour

prior to each game. The season starts Sept. 12 and runs through Oct. 17, with an end-of-season celebration on Oct. 24. Visit Belleville Blitz on Facebook or call (734) 697-0927. Social distancing guidelines will be in place.

Willow Chicken Supper returns to Willow United Methodist Church for a drive-through only event on Wednesday, Sept. 9, from 4:30 p.m. until they're all gone at the church, located at 36925 Willow Road in New Boston. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for a child-portion dinner. Meals include fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, and dessert. Exact payment will be appreciated. Call (734) 654-9020.

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Father John Kiselica of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville said he has been plagued by moles at the church. He explained they are not enemy-spy-type moles, but the pesky-rodents-who-live-to-tunnel-in-search-of-tasty-grub-type moles. Fr. John said he recently looked out the front door of the church and saw something he had never seen before. The little moles were so determined to clear dirt from their tunnels, they forced the mound of earth up between the slabs of concrete that make up the church's front walkway. He said a parishioner knocked it down and flattened the pile with his boot one day, only to find it back again the next, bigger and taller than before. "I heard tell of a farmer in the area who stopped being plagued by moles after dumping a mixture of chlorine bleach and ammonia into their tunnels on her property, effectively making phosgene poison gas, the kind the Germans used to great effect on the Western Front in World War I," Fr. John said. "I don't know if I'm willing to go to such extremes to rid our grounds of the critters just yet. If they start setting up barbed wire to fortify their positions, I'll have to resort to something more serious," he said.

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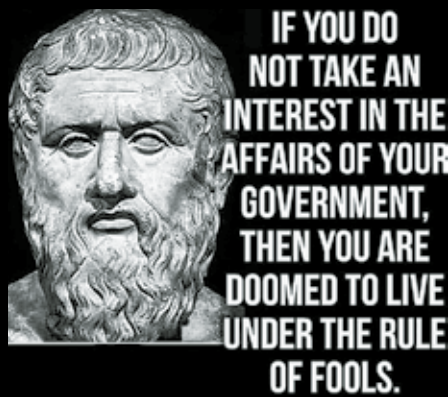
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Sumpter recount*(continued from page 1)*

as much money to spend on training.

Sheeks said he came to talk to the *Independent* after seeing the surveillance tape picture in last week's paper of Sumpter Township Trustee Tim Rush with an election tape in his hand, which bothered him greatly.

He said each poll worker signed each of the four tapes spit out by the election machine to attest that everything was done properly and his name is on all four tapes. He said one tape goes to the township, one to the county, one to the state, and one to the federal government.

He said he is a law-abiding citizen and is afraid that if the election investigation proves there was a problem, he will be one of those to be blamed.

He said that no one could walk off with a tape or all the workers would have to

stay until all the tapes were secure. (In last week's paper a letter writer insinuated that Rush took a tape and left.)

The *Independent* showed Sheeks the rest of the surveillance tape taken at his precinct that had been obtained by Toni Clark through a Freedom of Information Act request. Clark shared the tape.

Sheeks said he was working around the corner in a room and this was taken in the hallway where he couldn't see. He said in the surveillance footage there were many things done wrong and the person to be blamed has to be the precinct chairperson Irene Woodell who is responsible for making sure everything is done exactly right.

Sheeks said the poll workers were paid for 17.5 hours that day and he saw the man, he later learned was Tim Rush, coming in and out of the cordoned-off precinct about four times that day. He said Rush had a mask on with the Sumpter seal on one side, so he thought he was a township official of some kind.

Watching the tape, Sheeks said he was surprised that Rush was left alone with the tape in his hands. Also, at one point Rush appears to be writing on the tape and Sheeks said that wouldn't work because a special kind of ink is used on the tapes and any other ink on the tape would set off alarms when investigating.

Rush was seen taking a picture of the tape with his phone and then rolling the tape up the way it has to be. Sheeks said it is law that you cannot have a camera in the voting area except to take a selfie of yourself at the polls, never of the ballot or anything else.

Sheeks also noted on the surveillance that Woodell's husband was handling the election tapes and carried an armful of ballots from the machine to the back room although he was not an election official and really shouldn't even have been in that area. He obviously was helping his wife.

Correction:

Police report was written by Sumpter officer in polls complaint

On page three in last week's *Independent* an error was made in stating that no police report was written on the complaint of Toni Clark about what happened at the polls on Aug. 4.

A report was written on Aug. 4 and approved on Aug. 17.

On Aug. 4 at 8:54 p.m. a "Suspicious Persons" 911 call, verified as "Suspicious Circumstances," was taken by Officer Christopher Herrick. At 9:39 p.m. Aug. 4 he wrote the report and it was verified by "System" at 6:39 p.m. Aug. 15 and approved by Officer James Cayce at 7:35 a.m., Aug. 17.

Officer Herrick wrote:

On 8/4/20, at 2054 hrs., I was dispatched to the listed location in reference to a possible voter fraud complaint.

DATE AND TIME: 8/4/20 at 2054hrs.

VENUE: 23501 Sumpter Road (Sumpter Township Community Center) located in the Township of Sumpter, County of Wayne, State of Michigan

CONTACT WITH REPORTING PARTY TONI CLARK: Upon arrival I met with reporting party, Toni Clark, who explained that she was at the front entrance of the Sumpter Township Community Center (Precinct 5), after the polls had closed, and the doors were locked. Clark stated that she observed Tim Rush inside the building at the tabulating machine for Precinct 5 when Rush was seen removing the tabulation tape from the machine and taking the tape in-hand, down the hallway of the Community Center. Clark advised that this activity was fraudulent and she wanted the incident documented.

CONTACT WITH PRECINCT 5 CHAIR IRENE WOODELL: I spoke with Irene Woodell who explained that Tim Rush did come to her after the polls had closed requesting to see the final tabulation for Precinct 5, as is his right to do so. Woodell stated that she provided Rush a copy of the final tabulation which she placed on the ground for Rush to photograph per his request. Woodell advised that at no time did Rush remove any tape from the tabulator, as that would be illegal.

Tim Rush was initially at the scene. However, when I went to speak with him after speaking with Woodell I could not locate him.

DISPOSITION: I advised both parties that this incident would be documented for informational purposes at this time.

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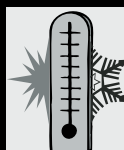
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Court Watching:**VBT dog on death row for biting another dog, injuring dog's owner**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Aug. 20, 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green ordered a Van Buren Township dog to be destroyed. The owner has 21 days to appeal the judge's decision to circuit court and the dog would be held by VBT during that time.

The owner, Jennifer Favot of Clayton Road near Quirk Park, was tearful as she pled for

the dog's life over a Zoom court session. She said the dog sleeps with her three-year-old son and the son and her eight-year-old daughter wrestle and play with the dog.

"Our two kids would be devastated," Favot told the judge. "We got the dog for my son and they are the same age." She took her smartphone over to show the dog on camera with his basket muzzle on. She said he now wears that whenever he is outside and cannot bite anyone. The problem gate now has a chain on it so he can't escape, she said.

"I don't like doing these cases," said Judge Green, who noted her sister is a veterinarian. She asked VBT prosecutor Angela Mannarino if the township is willing to entertain an alternative.

Mannarino said she has been prosecutor for eight years and this is only the third time such a case has come up.

"Not often," she said of the instances.

"Quirk Park is very busy and a lot of children are there," Mannarino said of the site of the June incident, where the township's popular splash pad is located. There also was an incident in October 2019 with the same dog. "If it happened a third time, it puts VBT in a precarious position and seems to say we're OK with this."

"I have to agree," Judge Green said. "I take this very seriously. I am not making this decision lightly. I authorize destroying the dog."

A tearful Favot asked if they couldn't give the dog to somebody else and Judge Green said that would just be sending the problem somewhere else.

"That's my decision," Judge Green said. "Once the dog is destroyed, I will dismiss the other charges." She referred to tickets for having an unlicensed dog and having a dangerous dog.

"You have 21 days to appeal my decision to circuit court," Judge Green said. "VBT will take and hold the dog for 21 days."

The court session via Zoom was not scheduled on the docket, but Judge Green allowed it to be heard at the end of her regular docket Aug. 20.

Mannarino brought Robert Queener as her first witness. Queener said he has been animal control/ordinance officer at VBT for 16 years.

He said this is the follow up to a prior case. He said on Aug. 17, 2019 the same dog got loose and injured the Porzondek dog and there was a \$432.90 vet bill. Queener said he issued an animal at large citation and no license citation and Favot pled guilty to dangerous dog on Oct. 22, 2019.

Queener said in June 2020 the same dog was involved in another incident

and Michael Pagel came into the police department on the weekend to file a report. Queener said he issued the ticket and Pagel got compensated by Favot for his vet bill for his dog and doctor's bill for himself. Queener said they got the vet to produce the vaccination report.

Favot said her husband had talked with Pagel at the park and they exchanged phone numbers.

Favot was representing herself at the hearing and did not cross-examine Queener.

Pagel, who was the second witness, said in late June he made a report to the police department. He said he was walking his dog in Quirk Park and Favot's dog came running free and attacked his dog. He said he held the attacking dog down so his wife could get their dog away.

Pagel said his dog is a Doberman pinscher, 60 pounds, and about three feet tall.

He said the attacker was a white dog with dark spots, some kind of bull dog, shorter than his dog, but more muscular than his dog. He said his dog received 14 puncture wounds and had to be sedated for four to seven days and was on antibiotics for a month, along with pain medication.

Pagel, who lives on Wheatgrass Lane near Quirk Park, said they walked their dog three times a day in the park and stopped going to the area next to Quirk subdivision for a solid month.

When he was holding the dog down he got a puncture wound on his left finger and was prescribed antibiotics.

When the township realized this was the second attack, it served notice to destroy the dog.

Pagel said if the dog needs to be destroyed for the safety of the area, "So be it."

Pagel said it took only five seconds of time for the dog to do all the damage it did. He said a child at Quirk Park could be injured, or a senior citizen who usually walks a small dog under 15 pounds could be hurt.

"I was strong enough and I took the dog down," Pagel said, adding if his wife was alone walking the dog, she couldn't have done that.

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FILE # 20-001205-NC**

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Bailey

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Bailey is accused of killing his former fiancée and her sister and their two cousins: Laura Tanner, Sarah Tanner Grupa, and Neil and Forrest Sampson in Laura's home in the 24900 block of Martinsville Rd. in Sumpter Township.

Bailey, who reportedly had confessed to the murders to several people by telephone

and text, allegedly fled the scene and then turned himself in to police the next day in Bay City.

When he leaves the hospital, Bailey will be transported to the Wayne County Jail for the duration of his case.

Bailey was charged with domestic abuse and assault last November, but both charges were dropped. The domestic abuse charge was dropped when the victim, Laura Tanner, did not come to court to testify against him.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Aug. 27** – Food Truck Rally from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Belleville High School parking lot. This is a fund-raiser for the graduation party of the BHS Class of 2021.
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Sumpter Township Community Yard Sales with no permit required.

• **Monday, Aug. 31** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Square. Put on by the Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Sunday, Sept. 6** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. In a brief ceremony, members of the military,

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Posted and Published: August 27, 2020

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Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until 1:00 p.m. on September 11, 2020, for the Early Childhood Development Center. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on August 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. [Microsoft Teams Meeting](https://tinyurl.com/y3ftrsgq) online at <https://tinyurl.com/y3ftrsgq> and/or call in +1 734-887-6326 Conference ID: 354 908 32#.

All Bids must be submitted electronically at:
<https://app.buildingconnected.com/projects/5f36bfe6aa59a0040024e6d>

Bid Security, Cashier's Check or Certified Check in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the School District. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included along with a Criminal Background Disclosure Affidavit and a Non-Collusive Affidavit. Accepted bidders may be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded and questions may be submitted at:
<https://app.buildingconnected.com/projects/5f36bfe6aa59a0040024e6d>

Documents will be available for viewing on August 25, 2020. Any questions, contact Kyle Oberdorf (PM)koberdorf@grangerconstruction.com or Taylor Scripps (PE)tscripps@grangerconstruction.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2020 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID 92555456319 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Recreation Director Wright, Planning and Economic Development Director Powers, Public Services Director Best, Water and Sewer Director Taylor, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols and a maximum audience of forty-four (44).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Miller moved; Frazier seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2020, Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2020, Prepaid List of July 23, 2020, Prepaid List of July 30, 2020., Prepaid List of August 4, 2020 (Election Inspectors), Prepaid List of August 6, 2020, Prepaid List of August 13, 2020, Voucher List of August 4, 2020, Voucher List of August 18, 2020, Resolution 2020-10 the 2020 Tax Rate Request] Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Correspondence included a letter from a resident thanking the R.E.A.L. Summer youth program participants who did yard work for her and a letter from Community Publications commending the Township on their "shout out to small businesses" monthly article they intend to utilize this format in other community publications. Ballots for the November 3rd general election will be arriving at the Clerk's Office on September 19, 2020 and staff will begin processing the over 7595 requests currently received with a target mailing date of September 25, 2020, Voters who already requested a ballot are encouraged to on the lookout for their ballot in their mail the week of September 28th, there is still confusion about the permanent absentee list. This list is an application list only, the law does not allow ballots to be sent automatically, voters must request a ballot by completing and returning an application indicating which election you wish to receive a ballot for, the U.S. postal service

has indicated you should mail in your ballot at least 14 days before Election Day November 3, 2020 to ensure it arrives on time, voters are encouraged to use the drop box located in front of Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Rd. when submitting both ballot applications and voted ballots and you can track your application and ballot at: Michigan.gov/vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): Resident expressed concern over water issues that he feels should be resolved prior to construction of a facility on Tyler Rd. at Morton Taylor. Representative from U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell's office expressed interest in the special land use request appearing on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2020-12 and the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wayne County and Van Buren Township for Improvements to French Landing Park. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Budd moved; Frazier seconded to approve a Special Land Use request by Van Buren Investors Land Holdings LLC to construct a senior housing development with assisted living and memory care units. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried. Martin moved; Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2020-15 GLWA Concurring resolution of the IPP rules. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Zoom participant read a letter sent to the Board requesting their support and assistance with the Egypt Covington murder case, requested the resignation of Clerk Wright in response to an email comment, indicated a rally would be held on August 19, 2020 in support of the resignation of Clerk Wright. Board members expressed their desire to have a resolution in the case, support for the friends and family of Egypt Covington and indicated the case is on-going and the file has been provided to the Michigan State Police for their review and assistance. In a statement he read, Clerk Wright expressed his sincere apology to the friends and family of Egypt Covington for an email comment he made vowing to do better in communications going forward. He further stated he supports all efforts in finding justice for Egypt.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Things to do

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alive and dead, are honored. "Taps" is played and Geof Bush and Lori Day sing the National Anthem.

- **Monday, Sept. 7** – Labor Day. The Pandemica Driveway Band will put on a free, one-hour, outdoor show at 2 p.m. at Quirk Park, Van Buren Township, just outside the splash pad.

- **Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12 and 13** – City of Belleville annual citywide yard sales. No permits needed. Recommended

to follow social distancing and wear masks.

- **Monday, Sept. 14** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Square. Put on by the Belleville Central Business Community.

- **Thursday, Sept. 17** – The Pandemica Driveway Band will put on a free, one-hour, outdoor show at 6:30 p.m. at Harris Park in Van Buren Township. Harris Park is located just south of Aldi on Belleville Road.

- **Monday, Sept. 21** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Square. Put on by the Belleville Central Business

Community.

- **Monday, Sept. 28** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Square. Put on by the Belleville Central Business Community.

- **Sunday, Oct. 4** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville. In a brief ceremony, members of the military, alive and dead, are honored. "Taps" is played and Geof Bush and Lori Day sing the National Anthem.

- **Saturday, Oct. 10** – Annual Harvest Market, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., put on at the

Fourth Street Square by the Belleville Central Business Community.

- **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Tentative date for Belleville Zombie 5K Run put on by Belleville High School New Tech students.

- **Saturday, Oct. 17** – Van Buren Township Coffee with a Cop, 9 a.m., Tim Hortons.

- **Friday, Oct. 30** – Belleville's Downtown Trick or Treat put on by Central Business Community.

- **Sunday, Nov. 1** – Bugles Across America is at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park in Belleville.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL
BUDGET PREPARATION MEETING
2020 Amended and 2021 Proposed
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
VAN BUREN**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**August 31, 2020
8:25 a.m. through 3:35 p.m.**

**This meeting will be held
via Zoom meeting ID
95769360306**

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL
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2020 Amended and 2021 Proposed
OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
VAN BUREN**

**BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2020
8:55 a.m. through 5:00 p.m.**

**This meeting will be held
via Zoom meeting ID
95895363510**

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 423 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 16:

0006 – noise complaint, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd.
0034 – suicidal person, Walden Blvd.
0154 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.
0928 – harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0936 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
0958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1301 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1548 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1604 – weapons violation, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1612 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
1627 – malicious destruction of property, Bemis
1727 – larceny, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1859 – breaking & entering, Revere Dr.
2014 – traffic offense, Woodgrove Dr./Whitewood Cir.
2112 – shooting, Robson Rd.
2124 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Beckley
2136 – property damage accident, Haggerty/E. I-94
2311 – suspicious person/vehicle, Martz Rd.

Monday, Aug. 17:

0544 – family trouble, Alva Dr.
0638 – fight, Denton Rd.
0857 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ayres
0936 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0945 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
0953 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edwards Rd.
0959 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1031 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1039 – harassment call, Willow Way
1051 – larceny, E. Archwood Dr.
1253 – ordinance violation, Dalton Dr./Madison
1355 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1429 – fraud, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1432 – animal complaint, Beckley
1436 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1710 – assault & batter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1737 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1755 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1808 – private property/property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1844 – harassment call, Vernon St.
1844 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1941 – larceny, Turnberry Ct.
2020 – larceny, Andover Dr.
2207 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
2314 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
2320 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 18:

0028 – suspicious person/vehicle, DNR boat launch/Rawsonville
0236 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0532 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
0651 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Archwood Dr.
0741 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
0744 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
0833 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1029 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1117 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1130 – ordinance violation, Crowley Ave.
1249 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1456 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.
1531 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
1541 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1559 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.
1624 – personal injury accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Lake Pointe Pass
1657 – domestic, Ayres Ave.
1711 – fraud, Marlowe Ave.
1729 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
1803 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1812 – trespassing, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1820 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brandi Dr.
1821 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1825 – traffic offense, McBride Ave./Arthur St.
1910 – property damage accident, Anna Dr.
1944 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1946 – assist other dept., W. Archwood Dr.

2152 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury Green
2157 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
2217 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2231 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2304 – domestic, Outer Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 19:

0114 – found property/child, Arlene Ln.
0451 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.
0751 – disorderly, Brandi Dr.
1326 – assist other dept., Main/Denton
1424 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1551 – domestic, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1736 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1850 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Pond Estates
1850 – neighbor trouble, Rogers Ave.
1922 – traffic offense, Fret Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1952 – threat, McBride Ave.
2132 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2244 – unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 20:

0308 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brandi Dr.
0448 – threat, McKinley
0458 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rogers Ave.
0735 – parking complaint, Chandler
0848 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0959 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1113 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dewitt Rd.
1246 – assist fire dept., Elwell Rd.
1312 – fraud, Lighthouse
1402 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1409 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1439 – threat, Maple Dr.
1514 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1715 – larceny, Jeremy Rd.
1837 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

1838 – neighbor trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.

1847 – family trouble, Martz Rd.

1858 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hayes St. / Van Buren St.

2050 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.

2107 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.

2205 – larceny, S. Bellridge Dr.

2209 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.

2336 – overdose, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, Aug. 21:

0315 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0747 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0920 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
0958 – mental subject, Wilson Ave.
1259 – private property impound, Rogers Ave.
1325 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1346 – found property/child, Quirk Rd.
1347 – fraud, Kennedy St.
1426 – traffic offense, Oak Blvd.
1503 – ordinance violation, McBride Ave.
1533 – trespassing, Daisy Blvd.
1600 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1608 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1649 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1824 – threat, Fret Rd.
1932 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
2016 – fight, Kahla Dr.
2017 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.
2036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2119 – assist other dept., Belleville/Yost
2333 – noise complaint, Park Estates Dr.
2336 – noise complaint, Anna Dr.

Saturday, Aug. 22:

0114 – assist fire dept., rest area
0231 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0317 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0434 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1327 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1455 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1707 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Beacon Trl.
1800 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1811 – lost property/child, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
1916 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1953 – assist other dept., Lake Pointe Pass
2044 – traffic offense, Fret Rd.
2045 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.
2117 – traffic offense, Edison Lk.
2119 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

2227 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2316 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green Ln.
Also on this week's log are 163 traffic stops, 114 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 16:

0108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1152 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1629 – found property/child, Village Park
1823 – family trouble, Carmell
1915 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
2210 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Denton Rd.
Monday, Aug. 17:
0005 – property check, Madelon St.
Tuesday, Aug. 18:
0939 – disorderly, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1258 – civil matter, Oxford Ct.
1847 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St./High St.
1943 – road hazard, Fourth St.
2000 – traffic offense, Harbour Pointe Dr.
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.
2027 – animal complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 19:

0131 – overdose, Wexford Ave.
1051 – welfare check, Menlo park Dr.
1259 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1321 – personal injury accident, Main St./Denton
1403 – assist other dept., Denton Rd./Main St.
1521 – civil matter, Carmell St.
2256 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

Thursday, Aug. 20:

0157 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
0430 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
0519 – assist other dept., McKinley
0529 – assist other dept., Haggerty/N. I-94 Service
1015 – animal complaint, South Biggs
1158 – traffic offense, South St.
1247 – traffic offense, Main and Third
1413 – animal complaint, Bay Pointe Dr.
1501 – found property/child, Main St.
1925 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2017 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
2349 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave. / E. Huron River Dr.

Friday, Aug. 21:

0040 – property damage accident, Main St.
1023 – motorist assist, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
1032 – welfare check, Church St.
1217 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
1235 – misc. complaint, Sumpter in back
1345 – property damage accident, Main St.
1420 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1431 – fraud, Brain St.
1541 – fraud, Brain St.
1917 – threat, Carmell St.
1947 – civil matter, Loza Ln.

Saturday, Aug. 22:

0034 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
1248 – fight, Main St.
1618 – assist fire dept., S. Liberty St.
2003 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
Also on this week's log are 49 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 16:

0208 – suspicious person, 18000 bl. Martinsville
0900 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1119 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1503 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.
1627 – reckless driver, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1803 – 911 hang up, Redwood St.
1805 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Willow
1914 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Bohn
1918 – ORV complaint, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
2050 – neighborhood trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2118 – suspicious circumstances, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sherwood Rd.
2230 – prisoner transport, out of township
2303 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2308 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
Monday, Aug. 17:
0738 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.

0756 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1140 – suspicious circumstances, Hampshire Dr.
1320 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1354 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1524 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1548 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
1556 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1648 – ORV complaint, Executive Dr./Elwell Rd.
1704 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1807 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1809 – suspicious vehicle, Sherwood Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
2003 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
2121 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2217 – suspicious person, Delaware St.

Tuesday, Aug. 18:

0121 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.
0726 – follow-up investigation, out of township
0928 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1048 – follow-up investigation Carriage Ln.
1202 – animal complaint, Timberlane Dr. / Rustic Ln.
1243 – follow-up investigation, 49000 bl. Willis
1246 – suspicious person, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1321 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1418 – malicious destruction of property, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1638 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1708 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willow

1749 – neighborhood trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

1802 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

Wednesday, Aug. 19:

0456 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.
0708 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1300 – alarm, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1431 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1521 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1744 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2158 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2322 – civil dispute, Wayside Dr.

Thursday, Aug. 20:

0544 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
0953 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1105 – prisoner incident, Huron Twp. PD
1218 – welfare check, Willow Rd./Karr Rd.
1343 – prisoner incident, Huron Twp. PD
1537 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
1547 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1707 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1707 – suspicious person, Bemis Rd./Martinsville

1735 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.

2005 – civil dispute, Redwood St.

2229 – suspicious vehicle, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, Aug. 21:

0647 – suspicious circumstances, Edgewood Dr.
0802 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1247 – assist other agency, Timberlane Dr.
1446 – personal injury accident, 44000 bl. Dunn
1553 – civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
1750 – fire dept. assist, Rawsonville Rd./Arkona
1751 – prisoner incident, Huron Twp. PD
1933 – alarm, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1955 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
2044 – suspicious circumstances, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
2119 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 22:

0348 – family trouble, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0813 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0913 – death investigation, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd
0948 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
1123 – suspicious person, 48000 bl Willow Rd.
1211 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1256 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1350 – shots fired, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1625 – 911 hang up, Sumpter Rd./Dunn Rd.
1638 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1802 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1851 – neighborhood trouble, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1853 – family trouble, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1919 – traffic complaint, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
2017 – suspicious person, Rawsonville Rd./Wear
2025 – suspicious person, Rawsonville Rd./Wear
2059 – animal complaint, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2127 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Martinsville
2157 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

2233 – suspicious circumstances, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2327 – welfare check, Willis Rd./Sherwood Rd.

Also on this week's log are 29 patrol checks, six traffic stops, and four misc. details.

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Obituaries



Danny Edward Fisher

DANNY EDWARD FISHER

(September 12, 1937 – August 24, 2020)

Danny Edward Fisher, age 82, Ypsilanti resident, passed away peacefully, Monday, August 24, 2020, at Arbor Hospice-The Residence, in Saline, MI, with his family by his side. The family would like to thank the team at Arbor Hospice for their loving and compassionate care.

Dan was born September 12, 1937 in Belleville, MI, son of Karl Edward & Ina June (Newton) Fisher. He graduated from Belleville High School Class of 1955. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Fisher taught social studies at Belleville High School for 31 years before retiring from Van Buren Public Schools. He loved BHS Athletics and enjoyed coaching football and baseball. He had a magnetic personality, and was highly regarded, and loved by many generations. Dan enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and playing golf. He also loved dogs and had many German Shorthaired Pointer companions.

Mr. Fisher is survived by three sons: Randall Fisher of Ypsilanti, MI, Rod (Darlene) Fisher of Highland, MI and Danny (Kelley Fondaw) Fisher of Belleville, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife of over 40 years, Marjorie (Symons) Fisher on January 9,

2002, also a brother, Mark Fisher. Honoring his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. In light of recent health advisories, we have decided to postpone services until a later date. We will post updated event information when we are able to schedule. We encourage Friends and Family to sign and share stories to the online guestbook. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Belleville High School Athletic Department would be greatly appreciated.
www.davidcbrownfh.com

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Aug. 31 – Van Buren Township budget preparation meeting, 8:25 a.m. through 3:35 p.m., via Zoom
- Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Van Buren Township budget preparation meeting, 8:55 a.m. through 5 p.m., via Zoom.
- Tuesday, Sept. 8 – VBT Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m., if needed. Also, Belleville Planning Commission at 7 p.m.
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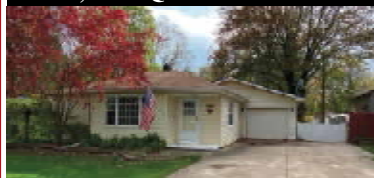
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